

2003-2004 New Jersey Small Game Hunting Seasons

as of 4/03 – some dates may be tentative

Species (alphabetical)	Inclusive Dates	Hunting Hours	Daily Limits	Notes
Chukar partridge and Quail	Nov. 8, 2003 to Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16 and 18-31, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Chukar - 7 Quail – 7	8:00 am start on Nov. 8, 2003 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (See page XX).
Coyote and Fox Bow, Muzzleloading Rifle and Shotgun	Bow and Arrow only: Sept. 27 to Nov. 7, 2003 Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Nov. 8, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Coyote - Two Fox – None	8:00 am start on Nov. 8, 2003. Closed Dec. 8-13 and Dec. 17, 2003 except as noted (see page XX)
All coyotes must be reported within 24 hrs.		½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Coyote - Two Fox – None	
Special Eastern Coyote and Fox Season Shotgun Only	Feb. 2-16, 2004	½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise	Coyote - Two Fox – None	Permit required. 10 or 12 Gauge Shotgun (#2 or #4 shot only)
* Crow	Aug. 11, 2003 to Mar. 20, 2004 on Mondays and Thurs. - Sat. only.	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	None	8 am start on Nov. 8, 2003 Closed Dec. 8-13, 2003 See Migratory Bird Regs.
* Gallinule & Rail (Clapper, Sora and Virginia)	See Migratory Bird Regulations	½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Gallinule - 10 Rail, Clapper – 10 Rail, Sora – 25 Rail, Virginia - 25	HIP number required. Non-toxic shot regulations in effect after the regular waterfowl season begins. See Migratory Bird Regs.
* Goose, Resident Canada (Early Season)	See Migratory Bird Regulations	½ hour before sunrise to sunset	5	HIP number required. Non-toxic shot regulations in effect. State and Federal migratory bird stamps required if 16 years of age or older. See Migratory Bird Regs.
Grouse (Ruffed)	Sept. 27 to Dec. 6** Dec. 15, 16 and 18-31, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	3	8:00 am start on Nov. 8, 2003
Opossum & Raccoon	Oct. 1, 2003 to Mar. 1, 2004	1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise	Opossum – None Raccoon – None	Closed Dec. 8-13 and Dec. 17, 2003
Pheasant	Nov. 8 to Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16 and 18-31, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	2***	8:00 am start on Nov. 8, 2003 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (See page XX).
Rabbit, Hare and Jackrabbit	Nov. 8 to Dec. 6; Dec. 15, 16 and 18-31, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Cottontail – 4 Hare – 1 Jackrabbit - 1	8:00 am start on Nov. 8, 2003
Squirrel	Sept. 27 to Dec. 6** Dec. 15, 16 and 18-31, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	8:00 am start on Nov. 8, 2003
Squirrel Muzzleloading Rifle (.36 caliber or smaller)	Sept. 27 to Nov. 7, 2003** and Jan. 3 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	Rifle permit required. Designated areas only (see page XX).
Turkey (Fall, Either-Sex)	N – Oct. 27 to Nov. 1, 2003	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.	1	Permit required. Turkey Hunting Areas 1 – 11, 20 and 21 only.
Turkey (Spring Gobbler)	Apr. 19 to May 28, 2004	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Wild Turkey	Permit required. See 2004 Turkey Permit Supplement.
Woodchuck - Bow, Rifle or Shotgun	Mar. 1 to Sept. 24, 2003. Mar. 1 to Sept. 29, 2004.	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	None	Rifle permit required if hunting with rifle. Rifle hunting prohibited on State properties.

Woodchuck – Bow or Shotgun	Sept. 27 to Dec. 6** Dec. 15, 16 and 18-31, 2003 to Feb. 16, 2004	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	None	8:00 am start on Nov. 8, 2003
* Woodcock	See Migratory Bird Regulations	Sunrise to sunset	3*	HIP number required. 8:00 am start on Nov. 9, 2002
Youth Turkey Day	Apr. 17, 2004	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Wild Turkey	Permit required. See 2004 Turkey Permit Supplement.
Youth Upland Bird Day	Nov. 1, 2003	8:00 a.m. to sunset	Pheasant - 2***	Selected WMAs & licensed semi-wilds (See page XX)
* Youth Waterfowl Day	See Migratory Bird Regulations	½ hour before sunrise to sunset		HIP number required.

* Tentative. See current Migratory Bird Regulations.

** No firearm hunting is permitted on November 7, 2003 on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas.

*** The daily bag limit is two pheasants of either-sex in Pheasant Hunting Zones 1 and 3 and on all wildlife management areas and on Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station. The daily bag limit is two male pheasants in Pheasant Hunting Zone 2. (See page XX).
No Sunday hunting. See exceptions on page XX.